Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commssioner of Civil Supplies):* On that complaint timely action was not taken. The officer responsible is Mr. Sreedhara Menon who is away in Karachi. His explanation is pending. His successor in office also made enquiries.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* There was some delay in receiving report from the Assistant Price Officer at that time and after a time the officer was transferred. Therefore, nothing further could be done. He has been asked to explain.

KALLETTINKARA DISPENSARY—DOCTOR—APPOINTMENT OF

166. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):*

(*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether there is any doctor in charge of the Kallettinkara Grant-in-aid Dispensary;

(*b*) how long this post has been kept vacant;

(*c*) have the Government received any representation from the people of the locality about this matter?

Rao Sahib T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) There is no medical practitioner available now to run a dispensary at Kallettinkara.

(*b*) This has been vacant from 7th Medam 1117.

(*c*) Yes.

MEDICAL INSPECTION STAFF—PROMOTION OF

167. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state whether in the matter of promotions in the Medical Department the claims of the Medical Inspection Staff are taken into consideration?

Rao Sahib T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trchur-North):* May I know why the claims of the Medical Inspection Staff are not taken into consideration in the matter of promotions in the Medical Department?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The claims of only those working in the Medical Department are considered.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* I want to know whether my impression that the Medical Inspection Staff is working under the Medical Department is not correct.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know when it was bifurcated?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* About six months ago.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know why before these six months the claims of the Medical Inspection Staff have been overlooked in the matter of promotions?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* As a matter of fact there was no question of promotion at any time.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* After the retirement of Dr. D'souza who was put in her place?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Dr. P. Gouri Amma.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know who was appointed to the place of Dr. Gouri Amma?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Dr. Sumithra.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether one Dr. Dakshayani Amma was appointed to act when Dr. Gouri Amma was on leave on a former occasion.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* She once acted for a very very short time as an Assistant Surgeon in the department and that was due to various reasons which will take a long time to explain.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Has she made any representations that she has acted in the place?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* She did.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Why was Dr. Sumithra preferred?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Because she was better qualified and had greater experience.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know when Dr. Dakshayani Amma joined the department?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I want notice.

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Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: From the Cochin Civil List it is seen that Dr. Dakshayani Amma joined service on 1st Vrischigam 1110.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: As what?

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: As Medical Inspectress.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: She joined the Public Health Department.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanoyannur)*: Was not Dr. Sumithra according to the rules and conventions in existence the real claimant for the place?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Absolutely she was.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether at the time of the bifurcation of the Medical Inspection Staff Dr. Dakshayani Amma was given to understand that her claims will not be considered in the usual course of promotions?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: There is no question of promotion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is not S. O. 16 to the effect that when an acting appointment is filled in care should be taken that when that post falls permanently vacant the acting hands get the claim.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Was that S. O. respected.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Was it respected? A certain lady acted in a certain vacancy and whan that place became permanent she was not given the appointment.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Dr. Dakshayani Amma was recruited primarily in the Public Health Department on the strict understanding that she will have to work in the Public Health Department where the conditions of service are entirely differnt from those obtaining in the Medical Department. Dr. Sumithra was not entertained on these conditions. Secondly Dr. Sumithra had much better qualifications to fill the particular vacancy. The third reason is, apart from the Standing Order which I must look into, the rule is that vacancies in the Assistant Surgeon's Cadre are to be filled in from among the Honorary Assistant Surgeons.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: What is the qualification of Dr. Sumithra?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: She is a D.G.O.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: I think Dr. Dakshayani Amma is an M.B.B.S. Is there any additional qualification to be passed in the Public Health Department?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I have nothing to do with that. I don't know what actuated the Public Health Director to appoint her. But this much I can say. Dr. Sumithra has got better qualifications. By virtue of the greater experience she has been having on the curative side of medicine she was better fitted for the post.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Has not Dr. Dakshayani Amma represented that she is prepared to take the D.G.O. degree at her own expense?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Was there any objection in allowing her to take that decree?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: She belonged to another department and she was recruited for quite a different purpose altogether.

SMUGGLING OF FOOD STUFFS—PREVENTION OF—REWARDS FOR

168. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any rewards are given to the Officers or other persons who discover smuggling of food stuffs;

(*b*) if so, what are the amounts;

(*c*) any rewards have been given as yet;

(*d*) if so, to whom?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) No rewards have so far been given on this account to anybody.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). Do not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

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